

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Crump et al.

Serial No.: 09/716,486

Filed: November 20, 2000

Title: Respiratory Suction Catheter
Apparatus with Improved Valve
and CollarCommissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims <u>12</u> minus <u>20</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$18 =	<u>\$ 0</u>
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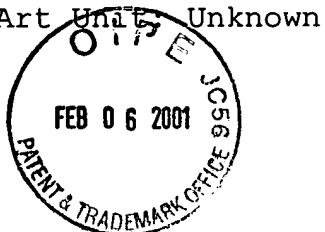
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application before
examining the application on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 2, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", insert the
following -- The present application is a continuation application
of application number 09/157,605 filed September 21, 1998.--

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REMARKS

In the preliminary amendment mailed November 20, 2000,
Applicants mistakenly listed an incorrect priority application
number of 09/156,297. The present preliminary amendment adds the
correct priority application number of 09/157,605 to the